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## INTRODUCTION

If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nu$  has all the terms present for  $n$  ranging from one to infinity, it is called a complete Fourier Cosine Series. If all terms divisible by  $p_1$  are missing, it is called a depleted series; if all terms divisible by  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are missing, it is called a doubly depleted series, etc. If  $p$  is the product of the  $k$  prime numbers  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , we say the series is depleted by  $p$ .

The problem under consideration is to determine the function that can be expressed by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\cos nx)/n^2$  when this series has been depleted by  $p$ .

# CONVERGENCE OF $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$

A standard notation for an infinite series is

$$u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = \sum u_n.$$

The  $n$ th partial sum of the series is

$$S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n.$$

The sum of an infinite series is defined as the limit, as  $n$  increases indefinitely, of the sum of the first  $n$  terms:

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n,$$

provided the limit exists.

If  $\sum u_n$  has a sum  $S$ , i.e. if  $S_n$  approaches a limit when  $n$  increases, the series is said to be convergent, or to converge to the value  $S$ ; if the limit does not exist, the series is divergent.

A series may diverge because  $S_n$  increases indefinitely as  $n$  increases; or it may diverge because  $S_n$  increases and decreases alternately, or oscillates, without approaching any limit. In the latter case the series is called oscillatory.

A necessary condition for convergence is that the general term approach zero as its limit;

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0.$$

If in  $\sum u_n$ ,  $u_n$  is a function of  $n$ , we have the Integral Test for convergence or divergence of the series:

If the function  $f(n)$  is defined not only for positive integral values, but for all positive values of  $n$ , and if  $f(n)$  never increases with  $n$ , then the series  $\sum u_n$  converges or diverges according as the integral  $\int_1^{\infty} f(n)dn$  does or does not exist.

If  $\sum u_n$  be a series of positive terms to be tested then by the Comparison Test:

(a) If a series  $\sum a_n$  of positive terms, known to be convergent, can be found such that  $u_n \leq a_n$ , the series to be tested is convergent.

(b) If a series  $\sum b_n$  of positive terms, known to be divergent, can be found such that  $u_n \geq b_n$ , the series to be tested is divergent.

The  $p$ -series,  $\sum 1/n^p$ , is convergent for  $p > 1$  and divergent for  $p \leq 1$ . This can be shown by use of the Integral Test in the following way:

$$1/1^p + 1/2^p + \dots + 1/n^p + \dots = \sum 1/n^p.$$

The general term is  $1/n^p$ :

$$\int_1^{\infty} dn/n^p = \int_1^{\infty} n^{-p}dn = n^{1-p}/(1-p) \Big|_1^{\infty}$$

Since this is a finite result for  $p > 1$ , the series is convergent. For  $p \leq 1$ , the integral fails to exist; therefore it is divergent.

To test the series

$$(\cos x)/1^2 + (\cos 2x)/2^2 + \dots + (\cos nx)/n^2 + \dots$$

compare with the series

$$1/1^2 + 1/2^2 + 1/3^2 + \dots + 1/n^2 + \dots$$

which is proved above to be convergent. Since

$$(\cos nx)/n^2 \leq 1/n^2$$

for all values of  $n$ , the series  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  converges.

If each term of the series is a function of a real variable  $x$  for a closed interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , we can write the series

$$u_1(x) + u_2(x) + u_3(x) + \dots = \sum u_n(x);$$

and its  $n$ th partial sum is  $S_n(x)$ .

The series  $\sum u_n(x)$  is uniformly convergent over the interval  $(a, b)$  if there is a convergent series of positive constant terms,  $\sum a_n$  say, such that  $|u_n(x)| \leq a_n$  for all values of  $n$  and  $x$ . Therefore the series

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = (\cos x)/1^2 + (\cos 2x)/2^2 + \dots$$

is uniformly convergent over any interval.

## SUMMATION OF COMPLETE SERIES

The summation of the complete series

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = (\cos x)/1^2 + (\cos 2x)/2^2 + (\cos 3x)/3^2 + \dots$$

can be attained by expanding each term around  $x = \pi$  by means of Taylor's Series and summing the double series thus formed. Taylor's Series gives us:

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)(x-a)^2/2! + \dots,$$

where  $f(x)$  is expanded in powers of  $(x-a)$  in the vicinity of  $x = a$ .

To find the sum of  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , we shall choose the mid-point  $x = \pi$  around which to expand the function.

$f(x) = (\cos nx)/n^2$	$f(\pi) = (-1)/n^2$
$f'(x) = -(\sin nx)/n$	$f'(\pi) = 0$
$f''(x) = -\cos nx$	$f''(\pi) = (-1)^{n-1}$
$f'''(x) = n \sin nx$	$f'''(\pi) = 0$
$f^{IV}(x) = n^2 \cos nx$	$f^{IV}(\pi) = (-1)^{n/n^2}$
$f^V(x) = -n^3 \sin nx$	$f^V(\pi) = 0$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

From the above we find

$$(\cos nx)/n^2 = (-1)^n/n^2 + (-1)^{n-1}(x-\pi)^2/2! + (-1)^n n^2(x-\pi)^4/4! + \dots;$$



hence

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = \sum (-1)^n/n^2 + (x-\pi)^2/2! \sum (-1)^{n-1} \\ + (x-\pi)^4/4! \sum (-1)^n n^2 + (x-\pi)^6/6! \sum (-1)^{n-1} n^4 + \dots$$

Therefore  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  expands into an infinite set of infinite series commonly called a double series.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = & [-1/1^2 + 1/2^2 - 1/3^2 + 1/4^2 - 1/5^2 + \dots] \\ & + (x-\pi)^2/2! [1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots] \\ & + (x-\pi)^4/4! [-1 + 4 - 9 + 16 - 25 + \dots] \\ & + (x-\pi)^6/6! [1 - 16 + 81 - 256 + \dots] \\ & \dots\dots\dots \\ & + (-1)^s (x-\pi)^{2(s+1)}/(2s+2)! [1 - 2^{2s} + 3^{2s} - \dots] \\ & \dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $s$  is equal to 0, 1, 2, 3, ... .

\*By the formula  $B_r = (2r)!/(2^{2r-1}\pi^{2r}) \sum 1/n^{2r}$ , we can find the  $\sum 1/n^2$  by letting  $r = 1$  and knowing that  $B_1 = 1/6$ , where  $B_1$  is the first Bernoulli number.

$$1/6 = 1/\pi^2 \sum 1/n^2, \text{ or } \sum 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6.$$

Since the series

$$-1 + 1/4 - 1/9 + 1/16 - 1/25 + \dots = -1/n^2 + 2/2^2 n^2,$$

then

$$\sum (-1)/n^2 = -\sum 1/n^2 + 1/2 \sum 1/n^2 = -\pi^2/6 + \pi^2/12 = -\pi^2/12.$$

Some divergent series are summable. By letting

$$e^{-x}(u_0 + u_1 x + u_2 x^2/2! + u_3 x^3/3! + \dots) = e^{-x}u(x) \text{ and assum-}$$

\*See Bromwich, *Theory of Infinite Series*, Art. 93.



ing that the coefficients  $u_n$  are such that the series  $u(x)$  converges for all values of  $x$ , we may give the following definition for a summable divergent series:

Provided that the integral  $\int_0^\infty e^{-xu(x)} dx$  is convergent, we may agree to associate its value with the series  $\sum u_n$ , if this series is not convergent; this integral may then be called the "sum" of the series; and the series may be called summable. The sum may be denoted by the symbol

$$\oint_0^\infty u_n.$$

This definition is due to Borel and is regarded as the fundamental definition.

\*Further, if  $C$  is any factor independent of  $n$ ,

$$\oint_0^\infty Cu_n = C \oint_0^\infty u_n.$$

Now, in the series  $1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - \dots$ ,

$$u(x) = 1 - x + x^2/2! - x^3/3! + \dots = e^{-x},$$

and so

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-xu(x)} dx = \int_0^\infty e^{-2x} dx = 1/2.$$

By letting

$$C = 1 + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots$$

and  $S = 0 + \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots$ ,

we obtain  $C + iS = 1 + e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots$

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\*See Bromwich, Theory of Infinite Series, Art. 102.

from which we see that the associated function is

$$u(x) = 1 + x e^{i\theta} + x^2 e^{2i\theta}/2! + \dots = e^{x e^{i\theta}},$$

or 
$$u(x) = e^{x(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)}.$$

Hence, provided that  $\theta$  is not zero or a multiple of  $2\pi$ , we find the sum

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-x} u(x) dx &= \int_0^\infty e^{-x} (1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta) dx = 1/(1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \\ &= 1/2(1 + i \cot \theta/2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the real part  $C = 1 + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \dots = 1/2$ .

According to Bromwich<sup>3</sup>, we may differentiate the series found for  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \cos n\theta$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \sin n\theta$  as often as we please, provided that  $\theta$  is not a multiple of  $2\pi$ . Hence we find

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{2s} \cos n\theta = 0, \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{2s-1} \sin n\theta = 0.$$

Taking  $\theta = \pi$  in the first equation, we find the result:

$$1^{2s} - 2^{2s} + 3^{2s} - 4^{2s} + \dots = 0.$$

Since the series  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  is uniformly convergent for all values of  $x$ , we shall expect, as is the case, that each series in the double series is summable. Therefore

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = -\pi^2/12 + (x-\pi)^2/(2! \cdot 2) + (x-\pi)^4/4! \cdot 0 + 0.$$

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = (x-\pi)^2/4 - \pi^2/12 = 1/12 [3(x-\pi)^2 - \pi^2]$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ ; or by taking any interval of length  $2\pi$ , we may write

$$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2 = 1/12 \{3[x - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\}$$

where  $2k\pi \leq x \leq 2(k+1)\pi$ , and  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

<sup>3</sup>See Bromwich, *Theory of Infinite Series*, Art. 109 and 110.

$y_\phi = \sum (\cos n\phi x)/(n\phi)^2$  is a series composed of all the terms of the complete series  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  divisible by  $\phi$ .

This series may be summed in the following way:

$$\sum (\cos n\phi x)/(n\phi)^2 = 1/\phi^2 \sum (\cos nu)/n^2, \text{ where } u = \phi x.$$

$$\sum (\cos n\phi x)/(n\phi)^2 = 1/(12\phi^2) \{3[u - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\}$$

$$\text{or } \sum (\cos n\phi x)/(n\phi)^2 = 1/(12\phi^2) \{3[\phi x - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\}$$

where  $2k\pi/\phi \leq x \leq 2(k+1)\pi/\phi$ , and  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

# SUMMATION OF $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$ , DEPLETED BY SIX

By depleting a series by some number  $p$ , in this case 6, it is meant to omit all terms of the complete series divisible by any of the prime factors of  $p$ . In the series

$$y = \sum (\cos nx)/n^2, \text{ depleted by 6} = (\cos x)/1^2 + (\cos 5x)/5^2 + (\cos 7x)/7^2 + (\cos 11x)/11^2 + (\cos 13x)/13^2 + \dots,$$

we have

$$y = y_1 - y_2 - y_3 + y_6$$

$$\text{where } y_1 = (\cos x)/1^2 + (\cos 2x)/2^2 + (\cos 3x)/3^2 + \dots,$$

$$y_2 = (\cos 2x)/2^2 + (\cos 4x)/4^2 + (\cos 6x)/6^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1/2^2 \sum (\cos nu)/n^2, \text{ where } u = 2x,$$

$$y_3 = (\cos 3x)/3^2 + (\cos 6x)/6^2 + (\cos 9x)/9^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1/3^2 \sum (\cos nu)/n^2, \text{ where } u = 3x, \text{ and}$$

$$y_6 = (\cos 6x)/6^2 + (\cos 12x)/12^2 + (\cos 18x)/18^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1/6^2 \sum (\cos nu)/n^2, \text{ where } u = 6x.$$

Since

$$y_p = \sum (\cos npx)/(np)^2 = 1/(12p^2) \left\{ 3 [px - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\}$$

where  $2k\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(k+1)\pi/p$ , the summation of the above series can be written.

$$y_2 = 1/(4 \cdot 12) \left\{ 3 [2x - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\},$$

$$\text{when } k\pi \leq x \leq (k+1)\pi.$$

$$y_3 = 1/(9 \cdot 12) \left\{ 3 [3x - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\},$$

$$\text{when } 2k\pi/3 \leq x \leq 2(k+1)\pi/3.$$

And 
$$y_6 = 1/(36 \cdot 12) \{ 3 [6x - (2k+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \},$$
  
 when  $k\pi/3 \leq x \leq (k+1)\pi/3$ .

Let  $v_6$  be the integral part of  $v/6$ , and  $r_6$  the remainder; then  $v = 6v_6 + r_6$ .

By making these substitutions for  $k$ , we arrive at the summation of the depleted series.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_1 - y_2 - y_3 + y_6 \\ &= 1/12 \{ 3 [x - (2v_6+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \} \\ &\quad - 1/48 \{ 3 [2x - (2v_3+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \} \\ &\quad - 1/108 \{ 3 [3x - (2v_2+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \} \\ &\quad + 1/432 \{ 3 [6x - (2v+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \} \\ &\quad \text{where } v\pi/3 \leq x \leq (v+1)\pi/3. \end{aligned}$$

After expanding and collecting, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y &= A\pi x + A_1\pi^2, \text{ where} \\ A &= -v_6 + v_3/2 + v_2/3 - v/6 - 1/6, \text{ and} \\ A_1 &= v_6(v_6+1) - v_3(v_3+1)/4 - v_2(v_2+1)/9 - v(v+1)/36 + 1/9 \\ &\quad \text{when } v\pi/3 \leq x \leq (v+1)\pi/3. \end{aligned}$$

But  $v_6 = (v-r_6)/6$ ,  $v_3 = (v-r_3)/3$ , and  $v_2 = (v-r_2)/2$ ; therefore, by substitution, we get

$$A = (r_6 - r_3 - r_2 - 1)/6,$$

and  $A_1 = -Av/3 + B$

where  $B = [r_6(r_6-6) - r_3(r_3-3) - r_2(r_2-2) + 4]/36$ .

$A$  has at most six different values, and  $B$  has at most six different values.

$y = A_v x - A_1 \pi^2$  is a series of straight lines which can be represented by a Fourier series depleted by six.

By using different values of  $v$  we can find the remainders  $r_6$ ,  $r_3$ , and  $r_2$ ; and, therefore, values of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $A_1$ , from which we can write the equations for the six regions in the interval from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2\pi$ .

$v$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$r_6$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$r_3$	0	1	2	0	1	2
$r_2$	0	1	0	1	0	1
$A$	$-1/6$	$-1/3$	$-1/6$	$1/6$	$1/3$	$1/6$
$B$	$1/9$	$1/18$	$-1/18$	$-1/9$	$-1/18$	$1/18$
$A_1$	$1/9$	$1/6$	$1/18$	$-5/18$	$-1/2$	$-2/9$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{For } v = 0, \quad y &= (-\pi/6)x + \pi^2/9, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi/3. \\
 v = 1, \quad y &= (-\pi/3)x + \pi^2/6, & \pi/3 \leq x \leq 2\pi/3. \\
 v = 2, \quad y &= (-\pi/6)x + \pi^2/18, & 2\pi/3 \leq x \leq \pi. \\
 v = 3, \quad y &= (\pi/6)x - 5\pi^2/18, & \pi \leq x \leq 4\pi/3. \\
 v = 4, \quad y &= (\pi/3)x - \pi^2/2, & 4\pi/3 \leq x \leq 5\pi/3. \\
 v = 5, \quad y &= (\pi/6)x - 2\pi^2/9, & 5\pi/3 \leq x \leq 2\pi.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the inequality  $v\pi/3 \leq x \leq (v+1)\pi/3$ , we can determine  $v$ . For instance, let  $x = 200^\circ$ :

$$v/3 < 200^\circ < (v+1)\pi/3$$

$$v < 600^\circ/180^\circ < v+1$$

$$v < 3 \frac{1}{3} < v+1$$

Therefore,  $v = 3.$

Since the cosine function has a period of  $2\pi$ , these equations will suffice for all values of  $x$  if properly selected.



# SUMMATION OF $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$ , DEPLETED BY P

First we shall solve for the summation of the series when depleted by p where p is a prime number or is taken alone. With this condition in mind

$$y = \sum (\cos nx)/n^2, \text{ depleted by } p = y_1 - y_p.$$

From equations derived in part three, it is obvious that

$$y_1 = 1/12 \{3[x - (2v_p+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\},$$

$$\text{and } y_p = 1/(12p^2) \{3[px - (2v+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } y &= 1/12 \{3[x - (2v_p+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\} - 1/12p^2 \{3[px \\ &\quad - (2v+1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2\} \\ &= [(2v+1)/2p - (2v_p+1)/2]\pi x - [(2v_p+1)^2/4 \\ &\quad - (2v+1)^2/4p^2 + (1-p^2)/12p^2]\pi^2 \\ &= A\pi x + A_1\pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } A = (2v+1)/2p - v_p - 1/2,$$

$$\text{and } A_1 = (2v_p+1)^2/4 - (2v+1)^2/4p^2 - (1-p^2)/12p^2.$$

Since  $v_p = (v-r_p)/p$ , where  $v_p$  is the integral part of  $v/p$  and  $r_p$  the remainder, by substituting this value for  $v_p$  we get

$$y = A\pi x + A_1\pi^2$$

when

$$A = r_p/p - 1/2,$$

and

$$A = -2Av/p + B$$

where

$$B = r_p(r_p-p)/p^2 + (p^2-1)/6p^2,$$

$$\text{when } 2v\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(v+1)\pi/p.$$

Now let us consider the case  $y = \sum (\cos nx)/n^2$ ,  
depleted by  $p$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the prime factors of  $p$ ,  
and  $p \equiv p_1 p_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } y &= y_1 - y_{p_1} - y_{p_2} + y_p \\ &= 1/12 \left\{ 3[x - (2v_p + 1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} - 1/12p_1^2 \left\{ 3[p_1 x - (2v_{p_1} + 1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} \\ &\quad - 1/12p_2^2 \left\{ 3[p_2 x - (2v_{p_2} + 1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} \\ &\quad + 1/12p^2 \left\{ 3[px - (2v + 1)\pi]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} \\ &\quad \text{when } 2v\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(v+1)\pi/p. \end{aligned}$$

By simplifying and substituting  $(v-r_p)/p$  for  $v_p$ ,  
 $(v-r_{p_1})/p_1$  for  $v_{p_1}$ , and  $(v-r_{p_2})/p_2$  for  $v_{p_2}$ , we get

$$y = A\pi x + A_1\pi^2$$

where  $A = (r_p - r_{p_1} - r_{p_2})/p + (p_1 + p_2 - p - 1)/2p$ ,

and  $A_1 = -2Av/p + B$

when  $B = 1/p^2 [r_p(r_p - p) - r_{p_1}(r_{p_1} - p_1) - r_{p_2}(r_{p_2} - p_2)]$   
 $+ 1/6p^2 [p^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2 + 1]$

in the interval  $2v\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(v+1)\pi/p$ .

We shall take one more case before generalizing in  
the number of prime factors of  $p$ . That is  $y = \sum (\cos nx)/n^2$   
where  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$  are the three prime factors of  $p$ ,  
and  $p = p_1 p_2 p_3$ . With an increasing number of prime factors  
of  $p$ , the problem rapidly increases in complexity.

$$y = y_1 - y_{p_1} - y_{p_2} - y_{p_3} + y_{p_1 p_2} + y_{p_1 p_3} + y_{p_2 p_3} - y_p$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y = & 1/12 \left\{ 3 \left[ x - (2v_p + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} - 1/12 p_1^2 \left\{ 3 \left[ p_1 x \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - (2v_{p_2 p_3} + 1) \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} - 1/12 p_2^2 \left\{ 3 \left[ p_2 x - (2v_{p_1 p_3} + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} \\
& - 1/12 p_3^2 \left\{ 3 \left[ p_3 x - (2v_{p_1 p_2} + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} + 1/(12 p_1^2 p_2^2) \left\{ 3 \left[ p_1 p_2 x \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - (2v_{p_3} + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} + 1/(12 p_1^2 p_3^2) \left\{ 3 \left[ p_1 p_3 x - (2v_{p_2} + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} \\
& + 1/(12 p_2^2 p_3^2) \left\{ 3 \left[ p_2 p_3 x - (2v_{p_1} + 1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\} - 1/12 p^2 \left\{ 3 \left[ p x \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - (2v+1)\pi \right]^2 - \pi^2 \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $v = (v-r_p)/p$ ,  $v_{p_1} = (v-r_{p_1})/p_1$ ,  $v_{p_2} = (v-r_{p_2})/p_2$ ,  
 $v_{p_1 p_2} = (v-r_{p_1 p_2})/p_1 p_2$ ,  $v_{p_1 p_3} = (v-r_{p_1 p_3})/p_1 p_3$ , and  
 $v_{p_2 p_3} = (v-r_{p_2 p_3})/p_2 p_3$ , we may substitute these values and  
simplify to attain

$$y = A\pi x + A_1 \pi^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{where } A = & 1/p(r_p - r_{p_1 p_2} - r_{p_1 p_3} - r_{p_2 p_3} + r_{p_1} + r_{p_2} + r_{p_3}) \\
& + 1/2p(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3 - p + 1),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } A_1 = -2Av/p + B$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{where } B = & 1/p^2 \left[ r_p(r_p - p) - r_{p_1 p_2}(r_{p_1 p_2} - p_1 p_2) \right. \\
& - r_{p_1 p_3}(r_{p_1 p_3} - p_1 p_3) - r_{p_2 p_3}(r_{p_2 p_3} - p_2 p_3) \\
& + r_{p_1}(r_{p_1} - p_1) + r_{p_2}(r_{p_2} - p_2) + r_{p_3}(r_{p_3} - p_3) \left. \right] \\
& + 1/6p^2 \left[ p^2 - p_1^2 p_2^2 - p_1^2 p_3^2 - p_2^2 p_3^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - 1 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{when } 2v\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(v+1)\pi/p.$$

With the results of these three particular cases of depleted series we can write from mathematical induction a general solution for the summation of the series

$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  depleted by any number  $p$  which was a finite number  $k$  of prime factors  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_1^i, \dots, p_k$ , and  $p = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_k$ .

$\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$ , depleted by  $p = A\pi x + A_1\pi^2$  where

$$A = 1/p \left[ r_{q_k} - \sum r_{q_{k-1}} + \sum r_{q_{k-2}} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \sum r_{q_1} \right] \\ + 1/2p \left[ \sum q_{k-1} - \sum q_{k-2} + \dots + (-1)^k \sum q_1 - p + (-1)^{k-1} \right],$$

and  $A_1 = -2A\pi/p + B$  where

$$B = 1/p^2 \left[ r_{q_k} (r_{q_k} - q_k) - \sum r_{q_{k-1}} (r_{q_{k-1}} - q_{k-1}) + \sum r_{q_{k-2}} (r_{q_{k-2}} - q_{k-2}) - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \sum r_{q_1} (r_{q_1} - q_1) \right] \\ + 1/6p^2 \left[ q_k^2 - \sum q_{k-1}^2 + \sum q_{k-2}^2 - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \sum q_1^2 + (-1)^k \right],$$

when  $2v\pi/p \leq x \leq 2(v+1)\pi/p$ .

Here  $q_m$  is the products of the numbers in the combinations of the  $k$  prime factors of  $p$  taken  $m$  of them at a time, and in  $\sum r_{q_m} (r_{q_m} - q_m)$  the same value of  $q_m$  is used in all three positions simultaneously.

## CONCLUSION

$f(x) = A_0 x + A_1 \pi^2$ , a series of straight lines, is a function which can be expressed by  $\sum (\cos nx)/n^2$  when depleted by  $p$ .

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